





MEMORANDUM

To:

Parks and Recreation Board

From:

Jesus M. Olivares, Director

Parks and Recreation Department

Date:

July 25, 2000

Subject:

Construction of Park Place Homes Boat dock at 5307 Tortuga Trail.

File No. SP-00-2243DS.

A request has been received from Richard Yoder of Park Place Homes to construct a boat dock at 5307 Tortuga Trail.

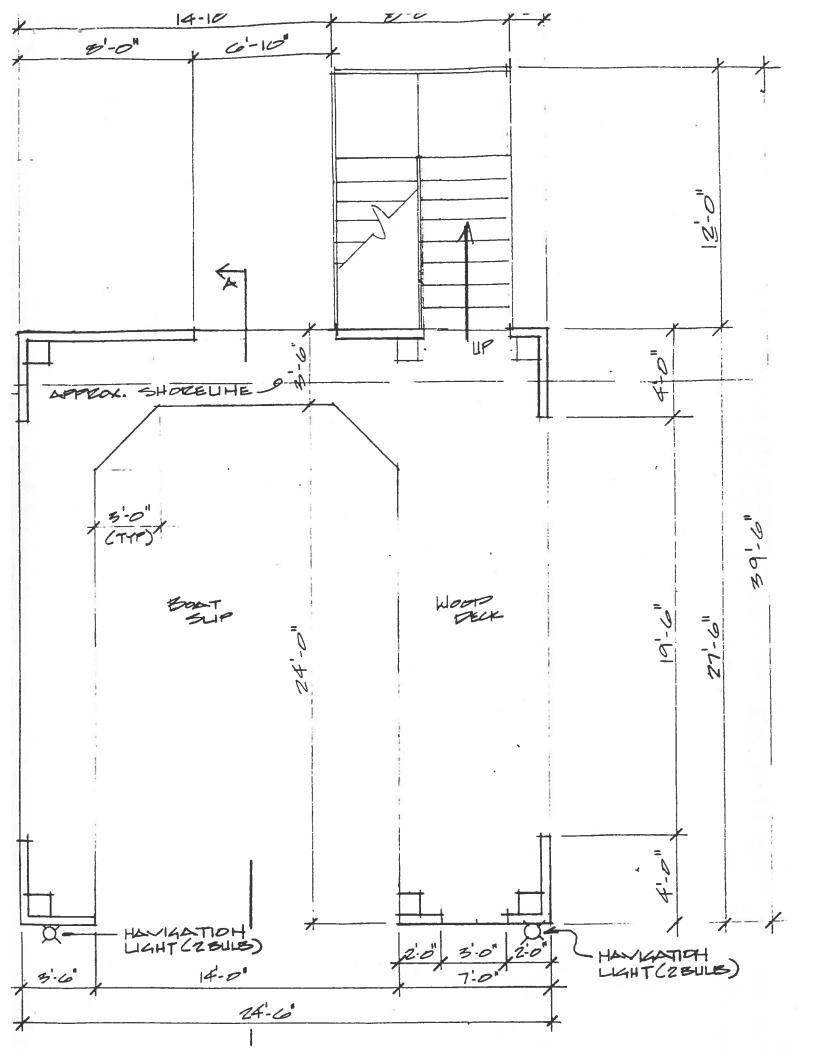
The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) staff has reviewed plans for the proposed project and finds they meet the requirements of Article XIII, Section 25-2-1176, (Regulations for the Construction of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend approval of the above request as detailed in the attached site plan.

Jesus M. Olivares, Director

Parks and Recreation Department



Decker Lake (Walter E. Long Lake) Golf Course

History

Land at Decker Lake reserved for future golf course development.

1984- Jay Morrish, Golf Course Architect designs a 36-hole complex. (\$180,000 paid by Golf Fund)

Mid 1980's – Project delayed due to slump in Austin economy.

- 1996- University of Texas expresses interest in participating in this project to provide a home for UT Golf Teams
 - UT expresses need for golf team practice areas and hotel space to host NCAA golf events.
 - Golf Staff investigates feasibility of revised concept to meet UT needs. This concept provided for the funding of the golf courses by UT and the Golf Fund with the potential for private funding and development of a hotel facility.
 - Golf Staff discusses with UT a 36 hole "public complex" (funded and operated by the Golf Fund) to address their needs.
- 1998- UT decides to pursue a "member only" golf course operation.
- 1999- Funds approved (\$200,000) to update the golf complex design with intent to fund, develop and operate Decker Lake Golf Courses as a municipal facility by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 2000- Hotel developer proposes funding, development and management of a 36-hole golf course and hotel complex.

Advantages/Disadvantages of Hotel Proposal

Advantages to the Golf Enterprise Fund include:

Provide additional funds for projects within the Parks and Recreation Department.

The private sector can develop the Decker lake golf courses 2 to 3 years faster than the City.

Disadvantages:

Use of dedicated parkland by a private, for profit operation. Must go to voters for approval. Sets precedence for commercialization and taking of parkland.